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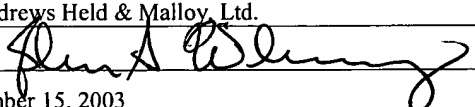
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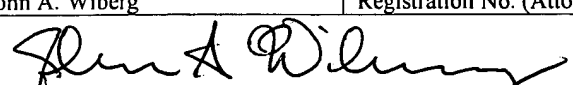
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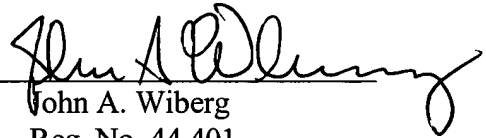
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Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed on October 9, 2003,
in which the Examiner rejected all claims 1-9 and 40-46.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-8, 40 and 42-46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being
anticipated by Spickerman et al. (6,362,903). Claim 1 is directed to:

An apparatus for transmitting data on a fiber channel, the apparatus comprising:
an input that receives a digital signal to be transmitted;
a plurality of programmable modulators each configured to accept a
portion of the digital signal to be transmitted, and to modulate the portion of the
digital signal accepted;

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